



**Rep. Earnest G. Smith,
(D – 122)**

A distinguished career in aviation combined with a sincere heart for community and government service led Earnest G. Smith to run for a seat in the Georgia House of Representatives. Equipped with a strong desire to raise the quality of life for citizens in his district and the people of Georgia, he was elected in 2009.

Rep. Smith, who represents House District 122 in Richmond County, serves on three committees: Banks and Banking, Children and Youth, and Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications. His legislative priorities include: ensuring that the anchor tenants in the medical field remain in Augusta; preserving the sanctity of our most valuable resource which is the Savannah River; and creating a climate for economic vibrancy as we craft a master plan for the enrichment of nuclear energy at both Plant Vogtle in Augusta and the Savannah River site in Aiken County, South Carolina.

Rep. Smith currently serves as Executive Liaison "Stakeholder" Strategist with Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina. He has extensive experience as a Certified "Project Manager, PMP."

Rep. Smith is a former United States Air Force Air Traffic Control Commander, Air Traffic Controller and Air Traffic Control Liaison Coordinator. He is a former Accredited Aviation Executive (AAE) and a member of the American Association of Aviation Executives (AAAE). Rep. Smith is also a former "Hostage Negotiator" at the Savannah River Site in Aiken, S.C. for Wackenhut Nuclear Security. He is Six Sigma Certified. As Aviation Commissioner of the Augusta Regional Airport at Bush Field in Augusta, Georgia, he coordinated and oversaw the construction of the first-ever Air Passenger Terminal in Augusta's history.

His outstanding community work includes serving as a member of the Board of Directors for Christ Community Health Services in Augusta, Georgia. He is former president of the Olde Town Neighborhood Association also in Augusta.

A graduate of Augusta State University's Hull School of Business with a BBA in Marketing and minor in International Business and Finance, he also attended South Carolina State University in Orangeburg. Rep. Smith is multi-lingual, fluent in Spanish and Turkish.

A committed Christian, Rep. Smith praised the Lord through music for many years as a member of the vocal group *Wisdom (The Distinguished Men of Gospel)*. He hosts "Community Matters," a radio talk show on WAAW – 94.7 "Shout" FM, a Christian radio station in the Augusta-Aiken, CSRA regional market. He is an active member of Second Baptist Church. Rep. Smith is a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Upsilon Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter.

Rep. Smith is married to Patricia Childs Smith, and they are the proud parents of one daughter, Marki.